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Royal College of Surgeons  
of England;  
and the Representatives of the general  
Medical Council.  
A copy of this pamphlet has  
been presented to  
all the principal Ministers  
of State of the late Parliament  
to many Members of the House  
of Commons; and to many  
Peers of the House of Lords.

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WILLIAM HARVEY, M.D., F.R.S.:

(THE DISCOVERER OF THE TRANSIT OF THE BLOOD THROUGHOUT)  
ITS ENTIRE ROUTE.

AND A  
ROMANTIC, BIOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC RECORD OF  
FACTS

TRANSPIRING IN THE  
NINETEENTH CENTURY.

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*"A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet."*

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*"Only make sure of the thing, call it what you will."*

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*"The most powerful weapon, however, is truth . . . truth  
founded on competent knowledge."*

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*" . . . the sin of 'hiding it under a bushel.' "*

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*"Truth may be outraged by silence."*

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*"Unrecognized truths are unwelcome and even hateful."*

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*"The first stage is dogged opposition."*

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*"Matured, educated, and intuitive minds will prove that age has nothing  
to do with the reception of Truth "*

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*"Let Truth prevail though the Heavens fall."*

To all

TO WHOM THE LOVE OF TRUTH

IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN AUTHORITY,

This Aesculapian Dnnciad,

WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY ADVOCATES THE UNRECOGNIZED CLAIMS OF

H A R V E Y

REGARDING SOME OF HIS MINUTER PHYSIOLOGICAL

DISCOVERIES

IN THE SANGUIFEROUS SYSTEM,

Is respectfully dedicated

BY

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# A ROMANTIC, BIOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC RECORD OF FACTS

TRANSPIRING IN THIS NINETEENTH CENTURY.

## Explanation.

It has been admitted that the brothers of the writer, and also the writer himself, for about fifty years, have done more to uphold the real character of medical books than any others in the trade. cat  
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Through being much interested in the works of the great HARVEY—the Discoverer of the Circulation of the Blood—I became also much interested in the subject of his physiological researches; and my first article appeared more to.

Although I am not the first writer to advocate the UNRECOGNIZED CLAIMS OF HARVEY, regarding his discovery of those blood-vessels now called *Capillaries*, &c. ~~a discovery~~ ~~previously~~ hitherto erroneously and ignorantly attributed to MALPIGHIVS—yet I am the only advocate in England, and have written that which no medical man either in England or America has had the perception, or proved himself competent, to have written; that which one medical man has pronounced impossible for a bookseller to have written—that which another medical man—a writer—has stated that I had “gone beyond him,”—and a third medical man has stated “that many medical men are deeply interested in the subject”—a subject, I add, which has been ignorantly propagated and believed in by his own brethren for 250 years.

Notwithstanding this, instead of my being honored by the medical profession for my researches, I have been deserted by the profession, who have to all intents and purposes agreed to starve out one, supposed to be “rich.” Although I have employed no disreputable means in making my researches known; yet underhand artifices have been employed to prevent me from defending my position and prospects, and to defraud me of that honor, which my researches merit.

—the very minute structure—“the admirable artificial”—“a grand mechanism”—which Nature has accomplished in animal physiology—

There are some persons who, when they feel where the shoe pinches, can cry out loudly.

"Suppression of a sanitary journal in Russia."

"A short way to stop sanitary information."

"The Medical Press gagged."

Yes! 'twixt two stools—or two fools—one may fall to the ground!

[ Beware of micro-organic lozenges presented to you by ingratiating friends!

### THE ÆSCULAPIAN DUNCIADS.

In both of the *Lives* of WILLIAM HARVEY, M.D., by ROBERT WILLIS, M.D., printed in 1847 (*pagination XVII.*), and in 1878 (p. 154) is stated "WILLIAM HARVEY, the immortal discoverer of the circulation of the Blood, was born on the 1st of April, 1578." To this statement is a footnote, in both editions of the *Lives*, that "The birthday in some of the *lives* is stated to be the 2nd of April for no better reason, apparently, than that All Fools' Day, should not lose its character, by giving birth to a great man. WILLIAM HARVEY, I believe, he has added, was born on the 1st of April."

In both editions of the printed "*Roll of the Royal College of Physicians in London*," by WILLIAM MUNK, M.D., and printed in 1861 and 1878, is stated:

"WILLIAM HARVEY, M. D.—This distinguished physician, the greatest physiologist the world has seen, and the brightest ornament of our college, was born on the 1st, or 2nd of April, 1578."

Thus the implication made by ROBERT WILLIS, M.D., is verified, even in the *Roll* of his own College, that the All Fools' Day medical men, don't want it to be known to the world, that HARVEY was born on the 1st of April, and so cloud the All Fools' Day in doubt, about the day giving birth to a great man.

Now I am not going to attempt to prove that if HARVEY had been born on any other day than the 1st of April—All Fools' Day—that there would have been a less number of real fools in the medical profession—yet as he was born on the 1st of April, 1578, and as he has

*loosing its character by*



made discoveries which have never been comprehended and recognized by his own brethren, in fact discoveries hitherto beyond the comprehension of all his own brethren, down even to the present day, the consequence, is that something like a million medical men—All Fools' Day men—have existed in *Europe* and *America* since HARVEY was born on All Fools' Day, 1578, more than 300 years ago.

In this present year (1886), there are within two, 26,000 names of medical men in the *Register* issued by the *General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom*, who are to all intents and purposes All Fools' Day people, about the minuter discoveries made by HARVEY in the sanguiferous system. Not one among them has yet publicly asserted, and proclaimed himself to be a man of comprehension. All are afraid of the truth being known—not afraid of a lie being propagated—yet afraid of the truth being known to the world, that there are in 1886, about 26,000 names of medical men in the *Register*, and not one medical man in *England* is yet known to the world as having bent a knee—at the shrine of HARVEY's *Rose*—regarding the minuter unrecognized discoveries made by HARVEY. I hope and believe that there is a good deal of salt in the medical profession; yet the salt remains too much underneath the crust of aged imbecility.

Oh! what a Fool HARVEY was in being born on All Fools' Day, 1578! Notwithstanding HARVEY being a great man—a great Fool; yet it is recorded in the *Roll* of his own college, that he was "THE BRIGHTEST ORNAMENT" OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN LONDON!!!

The HARVEIAN Oration before the Royal College of Physicians in London, who now meet in the College Buildings in Trafalgar Square, was first delivered to commemorate the departure of HARVEY. Since the mortal remains of HARVEY, which have long gone to corruption, have been entombed in a marble Sarcophagus in Hemstead Church in Essex, it has been delivered in October to cele-

—about fool—a fool charged with having "a great gap"  
 "a considerable error"—"a flaw" in his physiology of  
 sanguiferous system—a fool <sup>clumsy and</sup> ~~permeated~~ with having  
 entertained the absurd idea that a great quantity of  
 blood could capillary percolate through minute pores



brate this fact. The HARVEIAN *Oration* should have been always delivered on the 1st of April, the day HARVEY was born—All Fools' Day—when the *Oration* would have been more appropriate enjoyment for grave and proud *Doctors of Dull-Head College—A College of Woodenheads!!!*

HARVEY gave his paternal estate valued at £57 per annum to the *Royal College of Physicians in London*; yet this sum is not enough to purchase HARVEY's honor—to purchase HARVEY's *honor*—nor yet enough to secure his physiological character from being filched, robbed and degraded by his own brethren of the *Royal College of Physicians in London*. For *foreigners* to ROB our HARVEY is the height of *impudence*; but his own brethren at home can ROB our HARVEY *with the greatest impunity!!!*

HARVEY'S ghost has exclaimed:

“The Solemn *Oration* professedly delivered in my commemoration will continue to be a Solemn *farce* enacted, until the completeness of my discoveries regarding the sanguiferous system receives a befitting recognition.

When I dedicated my work to my colleagues, in 1628, I did state:—

“FAREWELL MOST WORTHY DOCTORS,  
*And think kindly of your Anatomist,*  
WILLIAM HARVEY.”

“RENDER UNTO HARVEY THE THINGS THAT ARE  
HARVEYS.”

#### ADDITIONAL REMARKS.

[ I have saved the life of a medical man three times over, from positive starvation, which has been thrust upon me to do so.

The Superintendent of Guy's Hospital has allowed a professional brother—an M.D.,\* formerly resident medical officer in the Orthopædic Hospital, in Oxford Street, near Hanover Square, W.—suffering from softening of the brain, and pronounced incurable; who he knew would follow a friend about like a dog; who he knew was in debt in the Hospital for his washing, where he had been placed by the BRITISH MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND, through my interest—to come out of the

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\* I have written and received more than 70 letters regarding him.

Hospital, with his clothes in a disreputable state, without a penny in his pocket, to sponge upon a mere "stationer"—a bookseller—for his positive bread. He looked and expressed himself, on coming out of the Hospital, like a returned convict, rather than a member of a noble profession, who had received kind treatment on account of his unfortunate position. Yes, he had rather receive my bread and lodge in Short's Gardens, W.C., than enjoy the luxuries and fraternity of his own brethren in Guy's Hospital where he had studied.

I am the first to propose "A Wheeled Hospital Accident Ambulance System for London,"—a system which can scarcely be said to exist even now in London. It exists, however, since my proposition, in Liverpool, Glasgow, and Germany, as well as in other places; for which I have received no proper recognition.

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